

Cultural Waterscapes: 6-Days Exploration of Ho Chi Minh City, Mekong Delta & An Giang

Trip Name	SFT06-SGNMDAG6D
Duration	6 days
Tour route	Ho Chi Minh city – Mekong Delta (My Tho, Ben Tre, Can Tho) – An Giang
Guest name	TBA

BRIEF ITINERARY:

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY – HALF DAY CITY TOUR (L, D)

DAY 2: HO CHI MINH CITY – MEKONG DELTA ADVENTURE (MY THO, BEN TRE) (L, D)

DAY 3: CAN THO – AN GIANG (CHAU DOC): A FLOATING MARKET ADVENTURE (L, D)

DAY 4: A DAY IN THE HEART OF CHAM MUSLIM CULTURE (L, D)

DAY 5: DA PHUOC VILLAGE – HO CHI MINH CITY (L)

DAY 6: BEN THANH MARKET – DEPARTURE (L)

L- Lunch, D- Dinner

Overview of the Discovery of Culture Tour

This immersive tour takes you from the bustling streets of Ho Chi Minh City to the tranquil waterways of the Mekong Delta, and the culturally significant An Giang province. Along the way, you'll discover Vietnam's Islamic heritage, visit mosques, and experience the warm hospitality of Muslim communities in the heart of the Mekong region. The tour is carefully crafted to ensure that all meals are halal, and that you are fully supported throughout your journey.

Ho Chi Minh City is an exciting destination that offers a fascinating mix of history, culture, and modernity. Whether you're interested in exploring its historical landmarks, tasting its world-famous cuisine, or experiencing its lively atmosphere, the city offers something for everyone, making it an essential stop for any travellers visiting Vietnam.

The Mekong Delta, often referred to as the "Rice Bowl" of Vietnam, is a vast network of rivers, swamps, and islands in the southernmost region of the country. This region is shaped by the mighty Mekong River, which flows from Tibet through several Southeast Asian countries before reaching Vietnam and emptying into the South China Sea. The Mekong Delta is one of the most fertile and biodiverse areas in Vietnam, known for its lush landscapes, floating markets, traditional villages, and unique way of life.

The Cham villages in An Giang provide a rare opportunity to experience the lifestyle, culture, and traditions of one of Vietnam's oldest ethnic communities. With their Islamic heritage, traditional handicrafts, and strong connection to the Mekong River, the Cham people offer a warm and enriching experience for visitors interested in the cultural diversity of southern Vietnam. Whether you are learning about their religious practices, exploring their artisanal crafts, or simply enjoying the beauty of the Mekong Delta, the Cham villages are an unforgettable part of any cultural tour in Vietnam.

Embark on an unforgettable 6-day journey through southern Vietnam, where you'll discover the rich cultural heritage, scenic beauty, and vibrant Muslim traditions of the Mekong Delta and An Giang. Designed with Muslim travellers in mind, this tour offers a unique opportunity to explore Vietnam's iconic landmarks, engage with the local Muslim community, and enjoy halal-friendly experiences, all while respecting cultural and dietary preferences.

Highlights of Your Journey

- **Halal-Friendly Dining:** Savor a variety of authentic Vietnamese dishes, tailored to meet Muslim dietary needs, with a wide selection of halal meal options included.
- **Cham Muslim Culture:** Visit the Cham Muslim villages of An Giang and immerse yourself in their unique way of life, customs, and traditions.
- **Islamic Landmarks:** Discover historic mosques and cultural sites that showcase the influence of Islam in Vietnam, especially in the Mekong Delta and An Giang.
- **Scenic Waterways:** Cruise along the tranquil rivers and lush landscapes of the Mekong Delta, exploring vibrant floating markets, traditional villages, and local crafts.
- **Local Experience:** Gain insight into the daily lives of local communities, from farmers in Da Phuoc Village to merchants at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY – HALF DAY CITY TOUR (L, D)

Morning: Arrival & Check-in

- Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, meet your local tour guide who will assist with luggage and transportation.
- Enjoy a comfortable private transfer to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Check-in at your hotel and take some time to freshen up and relax after your flight.

Afternoon: City Tour & Iconic Landmarks

- Lunch at a halal restaurant, enjoying authentic Vietnamese dishes prepared with locally sourced ingredients.
- Begin your city exploration with a visit to:
 - Reunification Palace (Independence Palace) – A significant historical landmark where the Vietnam War officially ended in 1975. Explore the conference rooms, presidential quarters, and underground bunkers filled with wartime artifacts.
 - Saigon Central Post Office – Admire the beautiful French colonial architecture, high-arched ceilings, and large painted maps of old Saigon. Take memorable photos and perhaps send a postcard home.
 - Central Saigon/Jamia Al-Musulman Mosque in District 1 – A serene place of worship built in 1935, offering a peaceful escape amidst the city's bustle. Experience the spiritual ambiance and perform prayer at your convenience.

Evening: Dinner & Leisure

- Dinner at a renowned halal restaurant, featuring Vietnamese specialties and seafood dishes.
- Return to the hotel for a leisurely evening or explore the city lights of Ho Chi Minh at your own pace.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.



DAY 2: HO CHI MINH CITY – MEKONG DELTA ADVENTURE (MY THO & BEN TRE) (L, D)

Morning: Journey to the Mekong Delta

- Depart early for My Tho, a 2-hour scenic drive through lush countryside and rice fields.
- Arrive in My Tho, the gateway to the Mekong Delta, and board a traditional wooden boat for a river cruise along the Tien River.
- Visit Unicorn Island, a peaceful retreat with lush orchards, coconut groves, and traditional wooden houses.

Afternoon: Exploring Ben Tre – The Coconut Kingdom

- Lunch at a Halal restaurant in My Tho, savoring fresh Mekong fish, prawns, and tropical fruits.
- Travel to Ben Tre, known as the coconut capital of Vietnam.
- Visit a local coconut candy workshop, where skilled artisans craft handmade sweets using age-old techniques. Sample some freshly made candy!

- Enjoy a horse-pulled carriage ride through the rural villages, passing by quaint local houses and scenic rice paddies.
- Take a small sampan boat ride through the narrow, shaded canals, experiencing the peaceful rhythm of Mekong life.

Evening: Arrival in Can Tho & Dinner

- Continue to Can Tho, the largest city in the Mekong Delta (approx. 2-hour drive).
- Check-in at your hotel and unwind after the journey.
- Dinner at a halal restaurant in Can Tho, featuring local Mekong flavors.
- Leisure time for an evening stroll along the Can Tho Riverside Night Market.

Overnight in Can Tho



DAY 3: CAN THO – CHAU DOC (AN GIANG) – FLOATING MARKET & CULTURAL EXPLORATION (L, D)

Morning: Cai Rang Floating Market Experience

- Early morning departure for a boat tour of Cai Rang Floating Market, the largest and most vibrant floating market in the Mekong Delta.
- Witness boats filled with fresh produce, traders exchanging goods, and even floating coffee vendors.
- Enjoy a freshly brewed coffee served from a boat while watching the bustling market scene.
- Visit a fruit orchard, where you can sample tropical fruits such as dragon fruit, longan, and rambutan.

Afternoon: Historic & Cultural Discovery

- Lunch at a local restaurant featuring fresh regional specialties.
- Visit the Binh Thuy Ancient House, a well-preserved 19th-century mansion showcasing a blend of French and Vietnamese architecture.
- Depart for Chau Doc, a 3-hour drive through the beautiful countryside and An Giang's picturesque rice fields.

Evening: Arrival & Dinner in Chau Doc

- Check-in at the hotel in Chau Doc.
- Dinner at a halal restaurant, enjoying Cham and Mekong-inspired dishes.
- Free evening to explore Chau Doc's night scene or relax at the hotel.

Overnight in An Giang (Chau Doc)



DAY 4: A DAY IN THE HEART OF CHAM MUSLIM CULTURE (L, D)

Morning: Cham Village & Cultural Immersion

- Start the day at Basa Fish Monument, an iconic landmark in Chau Doc.
- Visit Chau Phong Cham Village, home to Vietnam's indigenous Cham Muslim community.
- Enjoy a traditional Cham breakfast, a rare culinary experience featuring handmade rice cakes and warm tea.
- Explore the Jamiul Azhar Mosque, an architectural gem with intricate Islamic designs. Learn about the Cham people's religious heritage and traditions.

Afternoon: Handicrafts & Local Traditions

- Lunch savoring Cham homemade dishes unique to their culture.
- Visit the Mohamad Brocade Weaving Facility, witness skilled artisans craft beautiful handwoven textiles. Try your hand at weaving!
- Participate in a Cham folk baking experience, learning how to prepare traditional pastries.
- Enjoy a boat ride back to Chau Doc, admiring the peaceful river scenery at sunset.

Evening: Dinner in Da Phuoc Village

- Dinner in Da Phuoc Village, featuring a local Cham feast.
- Free time to relax or take an evening stroll in Da Phuoc Village.

Overnight in An Giang (Chau Doc)



DAY 5: DA PHUOC VILLAGE - RETURN TO HO CHI MINH CITY (L)

Morning: Spiritual & Cultural Exploration

- Visit Da Phuoc Cham Village, a preserved cultural community.
- Explore two significant mosques:
 - Masjid Al Ehsan – A beautifully maintained mosque where locals gather for prayer.
 - Sunnah Mosque – A historically rich mosque reflecting Cham Islamic traditions.
- Tour the Cham Cultural Centers, learning about their language, customs, and heritage.

Afternoon: Return to Ho Chi Minh City

- Lunch at a halal restaurant before checking out of the hotel.
- Depart for Ho Chi Minh City (approx. 5-6 hours drive).
- Check-in at the hotel and relax after the long journey.
- Dinner at leisure – Explore local halal dining options in the city.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City



DAY 6: BEN THANH MARKET – DEPARTURE (L)

Morning: Shopping & Final Exploration

- Explore the famous Ben Thanh Market, where you can shop for souvenirs, handicrafts, and textiles or try Vietnamese coffee and halal-friendly street snacks.
- Stroll down Nguyen An Ninh Street ("known as Malaysian Street"), where you'll find halal eateries and Muslim-owned shops.

Afternoon: Departure

- Lunch at a halal restaurant before heading to the airport.
- Transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your departure flight.
- End of tour with unforgettable memories of Vietnam!

Tour Ends.

✓ Valid from 1 Oct, 2024 – 21 Dec, 2025

✓ Price in USD per person

Group size/Hotel	2 pax	3-5 pax	6-8 pax	9-12 pax	13-15 pax	16-19 pax	20-24 pax	From 25 pax
3 stars	662	524	368	358	316	314	292	276
4 stars	851	713	557	548	505	503	481	466
5 stars	953	816	659	650	607	606	583	568

Hotel rates and packages are subject to change based on seasonal variations, including peak and non-peak periods.

Inclusions:

- English-speaking guide
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Bottled drinking water during the trip
- Halal meals as mentioned

Any additional inclusions or exclusions will be specified upon request for a quote or booking.



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